

# Daily GLOWBUGS

## Digest: V1 #84

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Purpose: building and operating vacuum tube-based QRP rigs

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Date: Wed, 30 Jul 1997 10:44:24 -0400 (EDT)

From: leebbo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)

Subject: have book for hal0

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>Cc:

>Bcc:

>X-Attachments:

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>HI Gang

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>Have a manual for a hra10 xtal osc, I will copy for someone needing it.

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THANK THE LORD FOR ALL YOU HAVE

68 yr old semidisabled senior

(stroke got my balance & hand to eye coordination)

ham agn as KF4RCL TECK+ (MUCH HAPPINESS)

BUILD MOST OF MY STATION EQUIP

SUB.BA & GB-- NO SOLID STATE

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SEBRING FL. WHERE THERE IS NO QRM THE LOCALS

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Date: Wed, 30 Jul 1997 18:56:56 +0000

From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>

**Subject: FS/FT: Misc. tubes**

Hello gang,

I have the following excess. If you are interested, please let me know and I'll quote prices/dicker/etc. via private e-mail.

5ea-5894  
2ea-8505  
2ea-6252  
2ea-3C45  
1ea-8072 (pullout)  
6ea 6080  
2ea 6528  
2ea 6688  
3ea 7788  
3ea 3D21W  
25ea- 25Z5  
1ea 8560  
1ea 8560 (pullout)

Willing to trade for tubes I'm looking for or just sell, or what have you?

73,

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Date: Sat, 2 Aug 1997 16:39:27 -0400  
**From:** "Brian Carling" <bry@mnsinc.com>  
**Subject:** Re: The Flagstaff Hamfest

Thanks for the great report to the list Heff. I like your writing style, he he!

Here we are away on vacation but chomping at the bit for the Gaithersburg, MD hamfest in September and ready to do some serious GB parts hunting! Those 2 watt resistors (carbon composition types) are getting harder to find. TTYL - Bry, AF4K

On 28 Jul 97 at 12:08, Jeff Duntemann wrote:

> Hi gang--  
>  
> Well, Bry, I would guess few of us fight the crickleboomers on 80m in the  
> summer, and maybe fewer sweat out in the garage building radios--at least  
> when it's 109 outside, as it was here on Friday. So the quiet here on the  
> list doesn't bother me too much.  
>  
> So Carol and I fled the cookie oven for Flagstaff this past Friday, for the  
> Fort Tuthill hamfest, perhaps Arizona's best. While Carol swam in the  
> Little America pool, I prowled the aisles with trick-or-treat bag in hand,  
> scarfing up small parts and trying to gauge the health of the homebrewing  
> business.  
>  
> Generally, not good news. This was the least-well-attended Flagstaff  
> hamfest of the many I've been to, both in terms of vendors and (especially)  
> buyers. I didn't have to stand in line for a hotdog at 11:30, which should  
> tell you something.  
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> There wasn't much vintage gear on display, and what was there seemed  
> overpriced for the condition it was in. Keys were nearly absent, except  
> for a couple of tables catering to collectors, asking \$50 for grimy J-38's.  
> If I was a kid trying to put a cheap CW station together, I'd be out of luck.  
>  
> I came home with one peculiarity: A smallish folding military DF loop on a  
> handle, with a tuning dial covering 46-54 Mhz and a 4-step attenuator. I  
> would guess from the frequency that it's Fifties stuff; I don't think 6M  
> was much used during WWII. But I'm curious what sort of setup that antenna  
> was from, and what the military used it for. (Or lord knows if anybody has  
> a schematic I'd like to get a copy. Haven't opened it up yet.)  
>  
> Although there was one big display of "Tubes--25c" there was a notable  
> dearth of small parts like tube sockets and especially variable capacitors.  
> My Big Haul was a pair of Velvet Vernier dials and a couple of  
> differential variable caps, which I really needed for a solid state project  
> more than tube stuff.  
>  
> I did buy one Big Box O' Junk for \$10, and it was good as such things go.  
> Apart from a lifetime supply of 1N4001 diodes, it contained a NOS 6BL6  
> husky Compactron sweep tube, and a NOS 6SF5 metal octal triode, plus  
> sockets for both. Strange boxfellows, given they were the only tubes in  
> the lot. Couple sealed relays and an isolation transformer, some 2W carbon  
> resistors (and some 1/8w as well) couple phone jacks and some coax  
> fittings, and a great mass of tangled, cable-knotted junk, the exact nature  
> of most of which has yet to be determined.  
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> One really hilarious incident: I was waiting at one young guy's table while  
> a middle-aged woman completed a purchase of a soldering iron. The young  
> fart was asking her if she intended to use the iron to work in leather, or  
> woodburning, or what? Sweetly she replied, "No, son, it's for building  
> radios!"  
>  
> I wanted to cheer.  
>  
> So I didn't exactly fill the back of the Jeep, but the weather was nice and  
> now I'm going to have to research how hard to push a 6BL6 in class C and  
> what to drive it with (how 'bout a 6T9?) so overall it was worth the trip.  
>  
> I also got to shake Lew McCoy's hand while he worked the CQ Magazine booth.  
> I've built a lot of his projects over the years and I may not get the  
> chance again.  
>  
> Now I'm back down here in the cookie oven, but hell, I'll go back again  
> next year and the year after that. After 24 years in this business, it  
> gets to be a habit or something.  
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> --73--  
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> --Jeff Duntemann KG7JF  
> Scottsdale, Arizona  
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Thought for the day:

Bagpipes: an octopus wearing a kilt.

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